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I-5/STATE ROUTE 44 INTERCHANGE PROJECT IN CONSTRUCTION

REDDING – Caltrans has started construction on a project in central Redding to improve traffic operations and weaving movements for the southbound Interstate 5 (I-5) and State Route 44 interchange. Work hours will be at night between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. The work will require lanes closures on the southbound side of I-5 with occasional lane closures in both directions and lane closures on SR 44, both eastbound and westbound.

The project will add one auxiliary lane in the southbound direction from one half mile north of Cypress Avenue to the Hilltop Drive overcrossing. This lane will allow for thru traffic to be separated from ramp weaving movements through the Interchange. This \$5.9 million project is being constructed by Tullis, Inc. of Redding and work began on February 22, 2011 with anticipated completion in the fall of this year.

The interchange project is the first of five projects on Interstate 5 in the Redding area to begin construction this season. Also planned is a guard rail project in the I-5/SR44 interchange area; additional lane construction between Bonnyview Road to the I-5/SR44 junction; median barrier from Knighton Road to the Smith Road overcrossing and installation of fiber optic cable for Intelligent transportation systems such as cameras and changeable message signs.

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